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NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 238

19 FEBRUARY 1957

1. The following were present:

Mr. D. J. Clinton	State
Mr. R. S. Kain	State
Lt. Col. D. H. Smith	Army
Maj. J. W. Jacobson	Army
LCdr. H. W. Holschuh	Navy
25X1A9a Lt. Col. H. K. Avery	Air Force
	CIA (Chairman)
	CIA (Vice Chairman)
	CIA (Secretary)

The chairman announced the appointment of Col. Sam A. Carnes as the Senior Representative for the Department of the Air Force on the NIS Committee effective 24 January 1957, vice Lt. Col. Hamilton K. Avery who is appointed alternate USAF member of the NIS Committee and the Air Force NIS Coordinator.

The chairman expressed the appreciation of the Committee to Lt. Col. Avery for his valuable contribution to the work of the NIS Committee during the period he acted as the Senior Air Force member.

2. NIS Outline Guides

The Committee approved the revised outline guides for Sections 31, 32, and 33 which were submitted by the Army member on 5 February 1957 (refer to Item 2 NCM 237).

The Navy member reported that upon further examination Navy still requires more information on the internal security of foreign countries than is called for in the present outline guide or appears in the published Sections 56 (Intelligence and Security). He therefore renewed the proposal contained in memorandum dated 5 February 1957 that a working group be appointed to develop a revised outline guide for Section 56 (refer to Item 2 NCM 237). The chairman thought it proper that a working group representing interested agencies be appointed to look into this matter, but cautioned against including transient detail that could only be satisfied by direct operational intelligence support. He asked the Navy member to arrange for and conduct the meeting. At the request of the State member it was agreed that a working paper will be circulated by the Navy member before the working group meeting.

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The Army member submitted a progress report of an inter-agency working level conference held on 11 February 1957 to consider proposed changes in portions of the outline guide for Section 64 (Manufacturing and Construction), and noted that another meeting of this group will be necessary to formulate a draft proposal for NIS Committee consideration (refer to Item 2 NCM 237). The State member proposed by memorandum dated 19 February 1957 a modification to Section 64D (Aircraft Production) which the chairman referred to the Section 64 working group for consideration.

3. Proposed Supplement for Coasts and Landing Beaches

The Navy member reported that a meeting of interested agency representatives was held on 18 February 1957 to discuss a proposed outline guide for a new supplement on Coasts and Landing Beaches (refer to Item 3 NCM 237). The proposal, which is still under consideration by the working group, does not change the total substantive requirements for Coasts and Landing Beaches, but separates them into (1) a revised Section 22 comprising textual material and selected charts, maps, and photographs, and (2) a new Supplement comprising a briefer text and all of the bulkier beach tables, charts, maps, and photographs. The principal advantage of this proposal is a reduction in the detail of Section 22 comparable to that of other Sections of Chapter II for those users who want a less extensive coverage of the topic. Its principal disadvantage is that the proposed Section 22 and the new Supplement would be interdependent and, consequently, both would be needed by users who require full coverage of the topic. The chairman said that the OBI staff will prepare samples of the proposed Section 22 and Supplement from a published Section 22 in order to determine the practicability and usefulness of the proposal.

4. Supplement I "Comments on Principal Sources"

The chairman proposed by memorandum dated 12 February 1957 the integration of "Comments on Principal Sources" into each of the substantive sections of Supplement I (refer to Item 4 NCM 237). This is particularly desirable since Supplement I is now generally being processed and published by individual sections to provide for more rapid issuance and more flexible maintenance production. The size of the present Comments averages about one and one-half printed pages so that even when the Comments require common treatment their addition to each section would not materially affect its size.

The Committee discussed the question and deferred decision until the next meeting to permit the Army and Navy members more time to study the proposal. The chairman requested the State member to see what could be done with regard to a somewhat similar problem concerning Comments of Supplement VI (Communism).

5. Changes in NIS Production Schedule

The Committee approved additional changes in the NIS Production Forecast for Fiscal Years 1958-1960 which will appear in "Change Sheet No. 2" to be issued shortly (refer Item 5 NCM 237). The current production schedule is affected by the rescheduling of Section 23M (Weather and Climate) on NIS 30 (Iraq) from May 1957 to August 1957.

6. Report of Release of NIS to Foreign Representatives

The members were handed copies of a memorandum dated 5 February 1957 listing the NIS sections released during 1956 in compliance with Committee decision that [REDACTED] would consolidate the reports of NIS releases to foreign representatives made by U.S. officials as required by paragraph 3 of IAC-D-45/12 (refer to Item 4 NCM 207 and Item 3 of NCM 208). The chairman noted that this was the first such report made to the Committee even though quarterly reporting was stipulated. In view of the difficulties and delays inherent in these arrangements, the Committee decided to have future reports made on an annual basis and requested the chairman to so inform the CIA reporting office.

7. NIS Area Name Changes

The State member reported that the name of the "Gold Coast" will become "Ghana" on 6 March 1957 (refer to Item 8a NCM 230). Since the new state will include former British Togoland, the Committee approved change of name designation for NIS 50A from "Gold Coast and Togoland" to "Ghana".

The State member also reported that the British Caribbean Federation had been formalized with the site of the capital city to be located on Trinidad (refer to Item 6 NCM 229). Neither the Bahamas nor Bermuda is included in the Federation, although both may join it later. Since the Federation will not become effective for another year, the State member recommended, and the Committee concurred, that name change for NIS 81 "British West Indies" be deferred until composition of the Federation may be clarified.

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3. Other Matters

a. The vice chairman requested the members to submit by 19 February 1957 nominations for attendance at the next CIA Intelligence Products Exhibit to be held on 14 March 1957. The quota for NIS personnel is 60, all of whom must be certified for Top Secret clearance (refer to Item 8a NCM 234). The vice chairman undertook to set up procedures to provide for last-minute changes in the list of nominations.

b. Notification was made of a new issue of the Directory of NIS Personnel and members' requirements were indicated as follows: State 150; Army 75; Navy 50; Air Force 30.

c. The Committee agreed to review Chapter I on NIS 39A (Communist China) on 5 March 1957.

d. The State member distributed copies of procedures for production of Key Personalities on NIS 14 (Poland) and NIS 21 (Yugoslavia).

e. The Committee approved a State proposal to delete from the outline guide on Subsection 55D (National Defense Policies) the second sentence beginning "Discussion of civil defense policies. . ." since this subject is adequately covered in the new Subsection 54D (Civil Defense).

f. The State member said that in the course of a visit to the Far East the State associate on the Advisory Panel on Research for Special Operations had reported instances where Special Operations Units in the field had prepared extensive basic intelligence studies without apparently realizing that NIS coverage of greater depth and better research was available. It was the consensus of the Committee that the responsibility for servicing lower field echelons with needed NIS rests with the major theater staffs who regularly receive full NIS coverage on their areas.

g. The State member reported that State's directive on NIS control and coordination is under preparation (refer to Item 11b of NCM 236).

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9. The next meeting of the NIS Committee will be held at 1000 hours on Tuesday, 5 March 1957.

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